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Bring your family and have a ride with the Hiller Clydesdale horses from Eastover Farms on Mary's Pond Road, while Santa pops in to add a few items to his growing list of requests. There is no charge for the event, and refreshments will be served.



Above: Students from Memorial School sang assorted Christmas Carols during the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony last week outside of the Rochester Town Hall. The event concluded with cookies, cider, and hot chocolate which was served to all participants. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: The Clydesdale horses from Eastover Farms and the Hiller Company in Rochester will help bring a little holiday cheer to the Rochester Woman's Club this weekend. Children will be able to ride the popular horses during their visit with Santa on Saturday, December 20 between 2:00 and 4:00 pm at the Rochester Woman's Club on Route 105. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: Phase 1 of the Mattapoisett seawall project is well underway near the town wharf. Official ground-breaking ceremonies were planned for this past Wednesday at 10:00 am and the work is being done by Dale Briggs of Marion. To date, supporters have pledged \$62,075 to the project. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Project Progresses

Mattapoisett Seawall Repairs Proceeding

Work on a \$100,000 erosion control project has begun at the head of Mattapoisett Harbor on land owned by the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

For weeks now, large boulders have been trucked to the so-called Munro parcel which abuts the town wharves in preparation for the building of the sloped stone revetment and seawall repairs to stop the erosion.

Official ground-breaking ceremonies were planned for 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 17. The work is being done by Dale Briggs of Marion.

As of last Thursday (December 11), supporters of the project have donated or pledged \$62,075. Another \$37,925 still has to be raised to complete the job. Additional solicitation of businesses and individuals is underway to reach the goal.

In an earlier appeal for financial support, Robert H. Atkinson, chairman of the seawall repair committee, said: "Without the help of generous citizens and businesses, a beautiful and very public land parcel will erode into Mattapoisett Harbor."

He appealed again to all town residents to take a more active part in the fund-raising effort noting if every resident contributed just \$5, that would amount to more than \$32,000.

Businesses contributing \$1,000 or more will be listed on the yellow fund-raising sign erected on the property. Tax-deductible gifts in any amount, including securities, may be sent to: Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Contributions should be

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Our office will be closed from December 29 to January 2 so that our staff can enjoy the holidays. We will publish on December 26 and January 9, there will be no January 2 edition.

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designated for the seawall project.

Work being undertaken includes a 165-foot sloped stone revetment along the shoreline west from Mello Wharf and repairs to the seawall fronting the rest of the property.

"This will stop the erosion," said Mr. Atkinson. That erosion has already threatened to undermine a part of Mello Wharf and the town's westernmost access road to all of the wharves. In recent years, 10 feet or more of the Munro parcel facing the harbor has been washed away, particularly by southeast storms.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul R. Lambalot, Selectman Michele Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Chairman DeCosta first wished his fellow board members and all Mattapoisett residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year before proceeding with business for the evening.

At 7:00 pm the board met with Robert Atkinson regarding the planned ground-breaking for the seawall project near the town wharf that week. Mr. Atkinson noted that the Master Plan Steering Committee had met

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the previous night and they were very excited about the progress on the so-called Munro property and the building of a 450-foot seawall at the site. "Dale Briggs is a craftsman who has been doing a great job on the project," Mr. Atkinson said. "Many people have told us they go down there just to watch him work."

A ground-breaking ceremony was slated for Wednesday morning, December 17, at 10:00 am and Mr. Atkinson asked the Selectmen to attend. "You're doing a great job down there," Chairman DeCosta said.

After signing and approving the minutes of the December 9 meeting of the board and signing the vouchers, bills, licenses, permits and correspondence for the week, the board noted that the Hearts and Hands Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday,

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December 20 at 4:00 pm; and also that there would be no regular Selectmen's meetings on Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 30 due to the upcoming holidays.

The board next received an update from Joseph Slattery regarding the recent emPOWERment meeting and future plans for the regional group. Mr. Slattery said he attended the December 10 meeting and they voted to reorganize the emPOWERment slate of officers. As such, he has been appointed the group's new secretary, and former chairman Irwin Marks is now the group's treasurer.

"We've restructured our board and the next meeting is set for January 7," Mr. Slattery said. "Some of our members will also be attending an energy meeting this week in Taunton."

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Memo from Town Clerk Lois Ennis advising that a Conflict of Interest Seminar will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 pm at Old Hammondtown School;

- Notice of Filing from ComElectric's Regulatory Attorney, John Cope-Flanagan, regarding the Electric Restructuring Plan filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and Canal Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy;

- Letter of resignation from Albert F. Sylvia who is stepping down from the Mattapoisett Fire Department, effective immediately;

- Memo from Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson advising the board that the Water/Sewer Commissioners selected Henri Renaud to fill the newly-created position of Working Foreman with the

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department. Mr. Renauld assumed his new position — which was created through the union — on December 13.

Under the Selectmen's discussion items, Selectman Bernier suggested that they put together a three-member Computer Advisory Committee to inventory all computers purchased for the town and maybe suggest possible upgrades and ensure town-wide compatibility. "I'm sure this committee would have a limited lifespan ... maybe one or two years," Selectman Bernier said.

Selectman Lambalot suggested that Town Clerk Lois Ennis serve on this committee and the board agreed to solicit the remaining two members from the general



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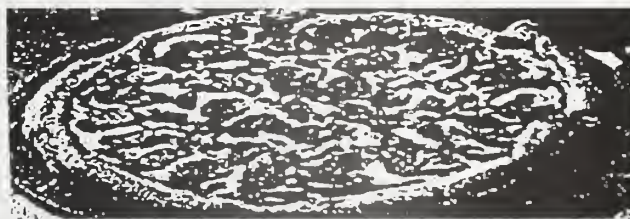
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public. Those with computer knowledge who are interested in serving on this Computer Advisory Committee should send a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Mattapoisett Town Hall, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Selectman Bernier also noted that they are in need of volunteers to assist in the taping of all public meetings held at Town Hall. She noted that last weekend there was a crunch in trying to tape two meetings which were being held simultaneously. "We need people who can volunteer maybe one night a month to help videotape meetings," Selectman Bernier said. "Even if you only volunteer once a month, we can count on you to tape whatever meeting is being held that night."

Again, those interested in volunteering to videotape meetings should submit a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Mattapoisett Town Hall, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Selectman Lambalot then said he wanted to discuss an article in that day's edition of *The Standard-Times* regarding an apparent conflict between the police department and fire department in not calling the latter to a recent fatal motor vehicle accident scene. "I think we need to meet with the parties involved," Selectman Lambalot said. "Since we're not meeting for the next two weeks, if you don't mind, why don't I just talk to (the police and fire chief)?"

But Selectman Bernier wanted to participate in any discussions on this matter. "I think this is simply a matter of tweaking the policies and procedures we have in place," she said. "I think this is something we need to settle with the full board."

Selectman Lambalot was very concerned that this issue was first addressed in the pages of a newspaper and not with the Board of Selectmen. "It wasn't a pleasant article and I'd just like to put it to rest," he said.

"My reading of it is different," Selectman Bernier said. "I think our 911 system has a few kinks in it that need to be worked out."

The board agreed to schedule a meeting with Police Chief James Moran and Fire Chief Ronald Scott on

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At 7:30 pm the board met with members of the Mattapoissett Police Brotherhood to sign and accept the ratification of the town's contract with the Police Department. They also voted to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 15, 1997

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 15, 1997 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Secretary Veronica Lafreniere, and Executive Secretary Russell Dean.

The first order of business for the evening was the 7:05 pm appointment with the town's Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) representative Susan Peterson.

Ms. Peterson presented the board with several options and ideas that SRPEDD could assist the Town of Rochester in developing. She explained that there were available funds for ideas such as:

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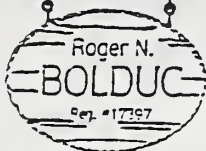
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• Land and Road Preservation Funding - Ms. Peterson suggested that Rochester should consider designating some of their roads as scenic ways, perhaps rebuild stone walls or consider building a bike path. SRPEDD could help with the design, mapping, and eventually the construction (i.e. assist in finding grants for funding) for such projects;

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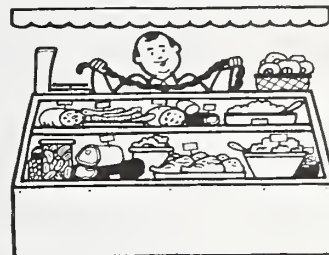
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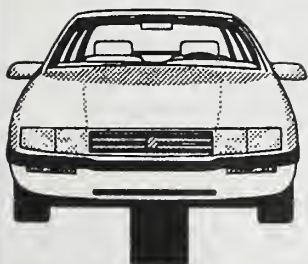
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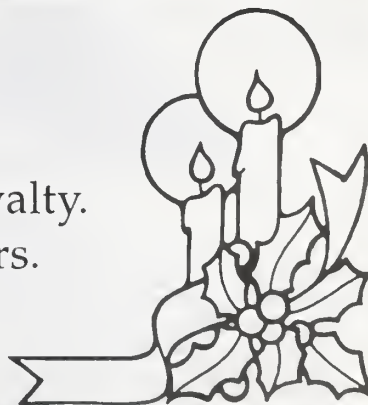


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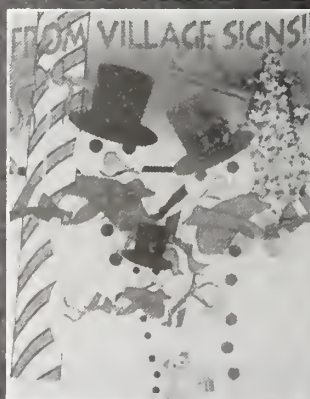
Ms. Peterson also explained that Rochester is water rich — meaning that there is a vast supply of water — and that the town is a water source for several abutting communities. Therefore, water withdrawal is an issue to address as well. The concern is that more communities will approach Rochester for further water withdrawal, and that the town must be aware of sustainable water levels that it could spare.

"Rochester could go back to SRPEDD for help on all of these issues," Ms. Peterson said in closing.

Chairman Cutler would "like to look at the list for a week" to prioritize the town's needs.

The second appointment on the agenda was the continuation of the Mendoza dog hearing from last week. Chairman Cutler provided evidence of more complaints against the Mendozas — some as recent as December 8 — from neighbors who are still concerned about the noise from the seven dogs that the Mendozas kennel on their property.

James and Holly Vogel, two of the neighbors who are most affected by the noise, were present at the



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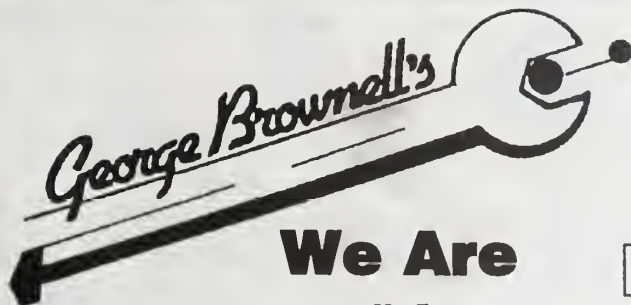
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meeting and also wrote a letter to the board expressing their concern and demand for a change.

"It is impossible to share our house with friends and relatives," they wrote. "Thanksgiving was disappointing ... there is no longer peace in our lives."

Ms. Mendoza spoke after the Vogels' letter was read, and first had a question with a petition that circulated around their neighborhood and was offered to the board. One of her discrepancies with the petition was the inclusion of a signature of a small child. "I question the validity of this petition and think you would too if you took a good look at it," she said.

In addition, Ms. Mendoza cited specific examples from incident reports regarding their dogs. In one example, she explained about a day where she very closely monitored her dogs and their behavior, making note of every bark they made. Later, she heard barking from another yard some distance away and made a complaint with the Police Department so as to make sure the noise would not be confused with her animals. Their dogs, incidentally, were exceptionally quiet that day, she said.

In the incident report that followed, a complaint was made about the noise coming from their dogs, and her complaint about other dogs was absent from the report.

"Buzz" Mendoza added that "there is zero



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barking at night," and that "this is not an every day, out of control" situation. He admitted that there are instances during the day that their dogs, like all dogs, bark. He suggested that the horses on the Vogels' property may instigate the barking, reminding the board that they are hunting dogs.

"I love these dogs and I can't imagine not having them," Mr. Mendoza said.

Selectman Hawkes asked the Vogels if there had been any improvement in the noise. Mr. Vogel answered that they no longer heard the barking at night, but reiterated that they had lost any and all "freedom in our own home and yard." Mr. Vogel added that "we are in a

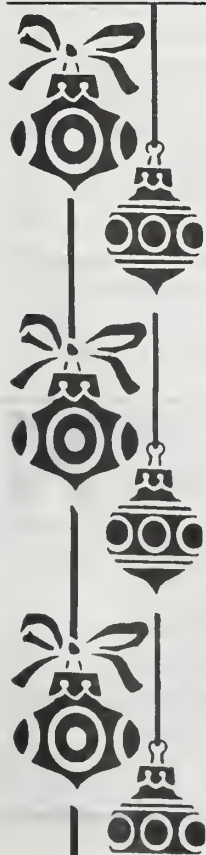
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position where this has to end."

For their part, the Mendozas have offered several solutions to the problem. First, they are renovating the kennels so that they are larger and that the dogs are separated from one another. He is also putting shock collars on some of the dogs. This is a cruelty-free way of stopping the dogs from incessant barking. Mr. Mendoza estimated that the renovations will be completed shortly.

Chairman Cutler said that the board had a few options to deal with the problem at hand. First, he said, they could leave things as is. Second, the board could revoke the kennel license for the Mendozas, but knew that they would take possible legal action. Finally, the board unanimously agreed to allow the Mendozas to complete their kennel renovations and take a wait-and-see approach.

Selectman Chamberlain suggested a sixty-day period to remedy the problem. That would give the Mendozas thirty days to finish renovations and thirty days to see if the noise subsides. Selectman Hawkes made a motion for the sixty-day period and the board unanimously approved it. The topic will be discussed further at the board's February 17, 1998 meeting.

In other business, the board signed a 1998 liquor license for the Plumb Corner Market of Rochester.

Under New Business, Selectman Chamberlain announced that the price for a dog kennel in Rochester will increase from \$10 to \$15 per dog, per day, effective first of the year.

There will not be a regular Selectman's meeting on December 29, 1997 due to the upcoming holidays.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:55 pm.

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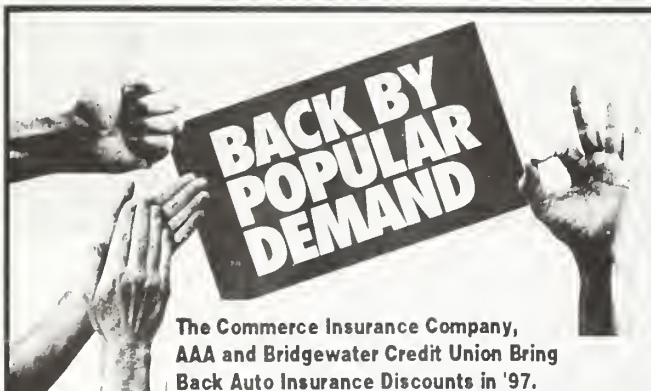
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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

December 15, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 15 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Everett L. Hardy Jr., Selectman Peter W. Koczera, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Ms. Miranda first noted that Fire Chief Paul Cote had informed her that they opened sealed bids on the purchase of a new Fire Truck that morning, and only one bid was submitted. Fire Resources, Inc. of Assonet, MA bid \$208,363 on the vehicle, and Chief Cote recommended they award the bid to them as the sole bidder meeting all their specifications. With that, the board unanimously voted to award the bid to Fire Resources, Inc. upon Chief Cote's recommendation. "It's a shame there was only one bidder," Chairman St. Jean noted.

The board next unanimously voted to sign and approve the renewal of all town Liquor Licenses, Class II and Class III Auto Salvage and Repair Licenses, Common Victualler's Licenses, Amusement and Entertainment Licenses. Selectman Koczera motioned that if each establishment's records and fees are in order, they would renew the license for 1998.

Town Clerk Richard Threlfall next informed the board that he had received three bids on the proposed Town Hall renovations and installation of an elevator and



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Mr. Threlfall noted that their total Phase One bid was \$4,180 which included schematic drawings for the first floor renovation (\$1,650), a preliminary estimate for the renovations in three phases (\$660), and construction documents for ADA-approved restrooms (\$1,870). The board unanimously voted to award the design project to Clearwater Architects and also suggested meeting with a representative from the company next week (December 22) at 6:30 pm to review the bid proposal and renovation project.

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and see what needs to be done before we begin the work," Selectman Koczera said.

Ms. Miranda asked the board whether or not they wanted to officially close the Town Hall on Friday, December 26 and Friday, January 2 in light of the upcoming holidays. Selectman Hardy noted that they have contacted the employees' union and have yet to receive a response regarding these post-holiday work days. "Since they haven't replied, as far as I'm concerned Town Hall will be open," he said.

Selectman Koczera suggested that it should be left up to the individual departments — if people want to come in and work, they can. If not, they should take a personal or vacation day. They would not be paid as a holiday. The board agreed to have Ms. Miranda consult with all town departments and determine if any would remain open on those days. If not, Town Hall will be closed on both consecutive Fridays.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) regarding a land donation from Maurice Bourque of Rochester of property located off Mattapoisett Road. Mr. Bourque is offering to donate Lot 65 off Mattapoisett Road — a 31,190 square-foot parcel between two existing properties already owned by the Acushnet ConCom. The ConCom voted to accept Mr. Bourque's donation and requested the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The board unanimously voted to accept Mr. Bourque's donation as recommended by the ConCom.

The Council on Aging (COA) Building Committee next sent notification that they will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 18 at 1:00 pm at the COA Center to discuss the renovation of the Mason W. Burt School into a new Acushnet Senior Center. Selectman Hardy noted this



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The Acushnet Board of Public Works (BPW) next sent a response to the board regarding representation on the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC). BPW Chairman Kenneth Souza noted that Jacqueline Brightman is the BBAC representative, with Rene Racine serving as the alternate.

But the board was concerned that representatives should be appointed directly from the BPW membership. "I thought we made it clear that (the representatives) should be someone on the present (BPW)?" Selectman Koczera asked. "The reason this was brought up was that no one was attending BBAC meetings (from Acushnet). If they intend to go, that's fine."

Manuel Goulart, Proprietor of the Century House on South Main Street, next sent a request to allow his establishment to remain open until 2:00 am on New Year's Eve for their New Year's Party. The business' current curfew is 1:00 am. Selectman Koczera moved to approve Mr. Goulart's request with the following stipulations: that all music cease at 2:00 am, that all tables be cleared by 2:15 am, and that all patrons leave the establishment by 2:30 am. The board unanimously approved this motion.

The Safety Committee next sent a listing of the new street lights they suggest be installed in town. Street lights should be placed at 14 Rene Street (pole #4-40), 41 Morningside Avenue (pole #108-7), and on Harrison



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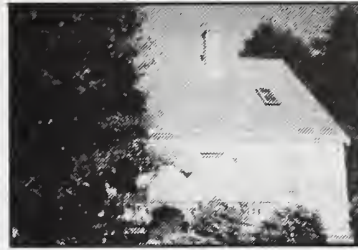
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At 6:30 pm the board met with ConCom Chairman Paul Picard to discuss the donation of so-called Forestdale land to the town. Director of Finances Alan Coutinho informed the board that he would be meeting with Mr. Richards, the owner of the property, later in the week regarding tax payments on the parcel. "We have all the information (on the property) and I don't see where there are any refunds due, but we'll meet with him," he said.

Mr. Picard noted that one of the contingencies in



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accepting the property is that there are no tax payments due or any liens on the property. "The ConCom is happy with all the pieces of property," Mr. Picard said. "In the future we can see portions being used to gain access to larger parcels."

Selectman Hardy noted the BPW still had not responded regarding this donation. The board, therefore, unanimously voted to accept the gift of land from Mr. Richards provided the BPW did not have any objections.

Under New Business, Director of Finances Alan Coutinho informed the board that as of this week his department is caught up with their previous month's financial statements. "As you know it wasn't uncommon for us to be five or six months behind," he said. "We set a target of having everything completed by the tenth of each month for the previous month. We're now caught up through November, 1997 as of today ... so we're only five days off from our goal."

Chairman St. Jean applauded the efforts of Mr. Coutinho and his department and noted that the town's financial workings had always been a "thorn in the side" until recently. "Since (Mr. Coutinho) has taken over, things have been going very smoothly," he said. "We appreciate all your hard work."

Under Old Business, Selectman Koczera noted that the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Building on Middle Road is now completed and a dedication ceremony was slated to take place this Sunday, December

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21 at 12:30 pm. A tour of the facility will be conducted for the public immediately following at 2:30 pm.

At 7:00 pm the board began interviewing candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board of Public Works (BPW) in the wake of Donald Gaspar's recent resignation. Three candidates were slated to be interviewed: Brenda Raposa, Mark Souto, and Rene Racine.

The board asked Ms. Raposa if she was aware that, if appointed to the BPW, she would have to resign her position with the Safety Committee. Ms. Raposa said she understood this. The board asked Mr. Souto if he was familiar with the ongoing controversy surrounding the BPW. Mr. Souto said he was. The board also advised the candidates that this appointment would only be until the next regular election in April, at which time they would have to run for re-election if they so desired.

Rene Racine called Ms. Miranda and informed her that he would be late for his appointment. But Selectman Hardy noted that since he was scheduled for 7:15 pm and they had a pending Executive Session at 7:30 pm, they could no longer wait. The board agreed to take this matter under advisement and later that evening voted to appoint Mark Souto of Middle Road to the BPW to fill out Mr. Gaspar's term.

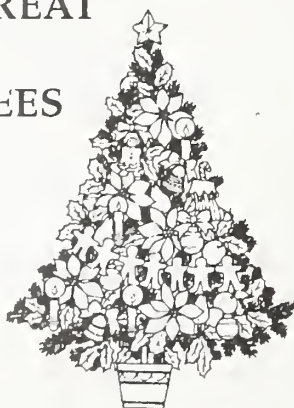
At 7:30 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session with Town Counsel to discuss the situation with Tax Collector Lillian Garbaciak who has been on extended sick leave since the fall. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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To the Editor:

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We have many to thank for making the fair a success and we appreciate the help of all — the bakers, the knitters, the crafters, the donors — we couldn't do it without you.

We also appreciate the good coverage given to the fair by *The Wanderer*. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara P. Ketchel
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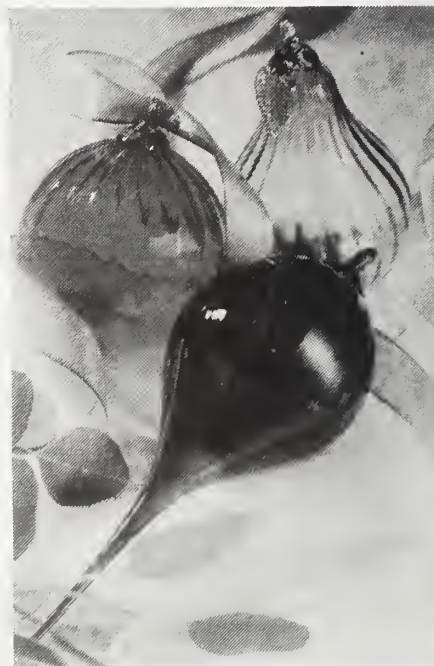
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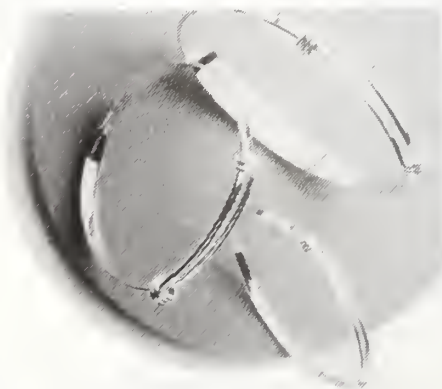
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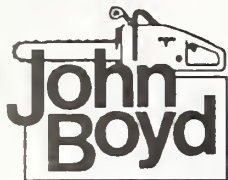
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At this time they are in serious need of people who could volunteer some time to spend with the cats, help with trapping and transporting them from hospitals to foster homes and, as always, anyone who is skilled in fund raising or grant writing. Also, if you have a spare room in your home, very often they have just one cat who needs a foster placement while awaiting adoption. They supply food, litter and medical supplies the cat may need while residing with you. If you can help them with any of the above, please call Mary Lou at 758-9202.

Good news this week: the three-legged cat "Mitzie" and "Precious," the cat found in the apartment walls, were both adopted. Still on the adoption list are: "Inky," a seven-month-old black female who would prefer a quiet adult home with a cat companion; "Spicey," an older black and white female; "Dusty" and "Opi," two orange males (six months) who are inseparable but also need an adult home. They are lovable but shy; "Jet," an all-black, double-pawed eight-month-old.

The group also has a mother and one kitten combo which they would like to keep together. They are both black and white with short hair. The kitten is an eight-week-old male. They were rescued from the shelter this week and are an identical pair (two is always more fun than one).

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- A black male mix with a broken front paw.

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The next Dog Adoption Day is at the National Pet Care Center in the Ann & Hope Plaza in Dartmouth on Saturday, December 20 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

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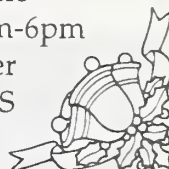
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Editor's Note: While the local schools are on winter break, the menu for the Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program will appear here in our regular news section. It will return to the regular Regional Lunch Menus page when school resumes in January.

- **Monday, December 22** - Turkey stew with vegetables, whipped potatoes, oatmeal bread, chilled fruit.
- **Tuesday, December 23** - Carrot and celery soup, chicken patty with lemon sauce, confetti rice, light rye bread, fresh fruit.
- **Wednesday, December 24** - Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, Harvard beets, dinner roll, vanilla pudding.
- **Thursday, December 25** - CHRISTMAS (no meals served).
- **Friday, December 26** - American chop suey, spinach, Vienna bread, chilled fruit.

Mattapoisett Rubbish/Recyclables

The Rubbish Schedule for the week of Christmas will be delayed one day. Please have your rubbish at the curb before 7:00 am. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health office at 758-4112.

Due to the holiday on January 1, the Rubbish/ Recycling Schedule for Thursday and Friday only will be delayed one day. Please have your rubbish/recyclables at the curb before 7:00 am. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health office at 758-4112. Happy Holidays!

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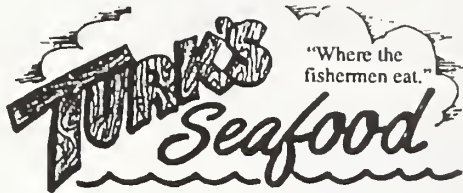
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Thank You

The Friends of the Elderly and Ginny, in particular, want to thank all of the people who have so generously given of their time to knit hats, booties, sweaters, and afghans. They are always donated to different organizations and are much-appreciated. Keep them coming and thank you again.

Marion Election/Town Meeting

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William Koss;

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- One Old Rochester Regional School District

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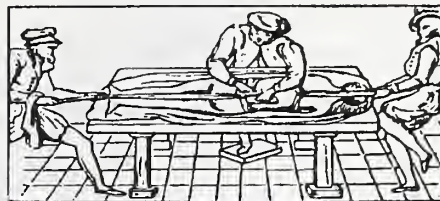
- One Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational

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The church is making it known that people are welcome to celebrate in the Lord's birth. "We are inviting those that have been away from our church and anyone who doesn't have a spiritual home to participate in this beautiful day," said Father Bill Heffron, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Joseph's.

To participate in this celebration, St. Joseph's Christmas schedule is as follows:

• Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm; 7:00 pm; 12:00 midnight;

• Christmas Day - 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

All are invited to "Come Home for Christmas" and join with the parishioners in the celebration of Christmas at St. Joseph's Church, located at Spring and Adams Streets in Fairhaven.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Christmas Gifts

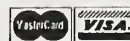
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ORR School District

Superintendent Search

The New England School Development Council (NESDC) has been selected as the consultant for the Old Rochester Regional School District in their search for a new Superintendent of Schools. NESDC is a non-profit group that originated in 1945 at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The lead consultant will be Dr. Edward Myers, the recently-retired Superintendent of Schools for Cranston, RI.

The position is being advertised nationwide as of December 10, with applications due by February 12, 1998. The six-member search committee is comprised of one representative from each of the three local school committees and three district members who will review the applications and select a group of finalists. Dr. Myers will run focus groups in the community the weeks of January 12 and January 19. Invitations will be sent and an open letter will appear in local papers with details. For further information, please contact Susan Grosart at 748-0180.

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The Early Childhood Advisory Council has announced upcoming parent and professional workshops. Beginning in January, a reprise of the six-week course, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen" will be offered. A new six-week program developed by the same authors (Faber and Mazlish) will also be offered starting in January. "Siblings Without Rivalry" focuses on helping your children get along with each other.

The courses will be held one evening for six weeks, meeting from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Registration is open to any tri-town parent or Early Childhood Professional. A registration fee of \$10 covers the cost of consumable materials. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863. Each session is limited to 12 people. If enrollment demands, these two programs will be run a second time starting in March, 1998.

For area childhood professionals, a four-session series will focus on working with students with Special Needs. The first session is scheduled for Wednesday,

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January 21 with ORR School District Special Education Director Teresa Hamm providing an overview of the law relating to Special Education and the process by which children are identified for services. Andrea Kefor, Early Intervention Specialist, will identify "yellow flags" for classroom teachers. Three subsequent sessions will deal with parents, the role of the therapist, and classroom adaptations and interventions. All will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Sippican School. Contact the Early Childhood office at 748-1863 to register.

Teen Dating Committee

The first meeting of the newly-formed Teen Dating Violence Committee is planned for Tuesday, January 9 at 2:15 pm in the teachers' cafeteria at ORR High School. The district has been awarded the teen dating violence grant which provides us with the opportunity to educate students, staff, and community members about teen dating violence. It is important that the committee be comprised of students, staff, parents, community members, and police officers. Monica Chase from the New Bedford Women's Center has already agreed to help with the initiative. Plans include the showing of the *Yellow Dress*, parent information nights, student and staff education and school policy on teen dating violence. For further information or to be part of this committee, please contact Linda Marcoux, District Health Coordinator, at 758-2772.

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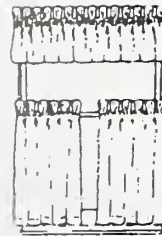
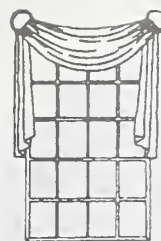
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The Diversity Committee for the Old Rochester Regional School District is looking for new members. This committee meets three to four times during the school year and is devoted to increasing diversity awareness in the schools. In the past, the diversity committee has assisted in planning the global fairs for the Junior and Senior High Schools and has worked on collecting resource materials for the school libraries. The committee is hoping to start the year off with more innovative projects and is looking forward to working with community members, parents and teachers who are interested in diversity education. The next meeting will be in January. If you would like to be a part of this

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Symphonic Band Concert

The Traditional Christmas Concert of the Tri-County Symphonic Band will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm in the Main Auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now for this eagerly-awaited festive occasion. What better way to start your Christmas week?

Beginning with the stirring holiday trumpet fanfare of Michel LaLande's "Concert des Trompettes," the mood then quiets with "A Little Child is Born" from Clare Grundman's Quiet Christmas, and with the ever-popular "Carol of the Drum" by Katherine K. Davis in an arrangement for band by Floyd Werle, the Chief Arranger of the U.S. Air Force Band. The children will spark to "Frosty the Snow Man" by Steve Nelson and will beat time to the "Holiday Emblem March" by Robert Smith, a

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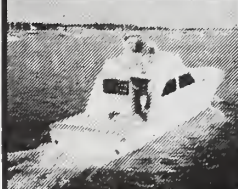
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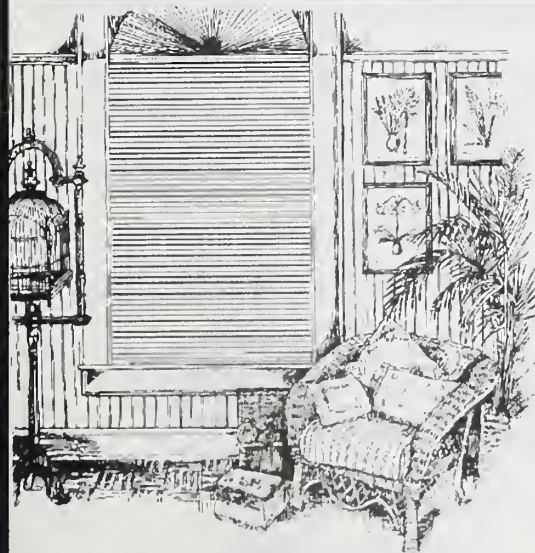
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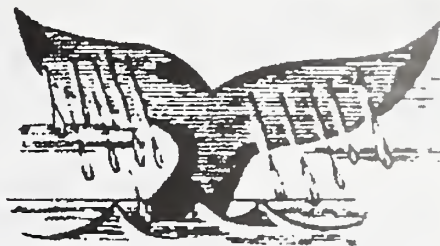
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St. Anthony's Church - Mattapoisett

Following is a schedule of holiday services planned for St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett:

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- Christmas Eve - Family Liturgy at 6:30 pm with children's choir (Kathy McCarthy, director, and Charles Jamieson, organist).
- Concelebrated Christmas Eve Liturgy at 10:30 pm with senior choir (Karen Antonson, director and Charles Jamieson, organist) with the Concert of Carols before Mass.
- Christmas Day - 10:00 am Mass for Christmas with traditional carols (Kathy McCarthy, cantor, and Charles Jamieson, organist).
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The traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service of worship will be held in the church at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

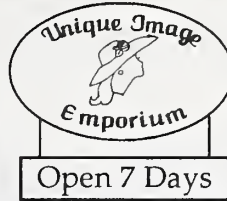
Acushnet Elementary School

Holiday Drive

The staff of the Acushnet Elementary School, along with their students and families, will try to do their part during this holiday season. In order to do this, they will ask for quarters to donate to the Neediest Family Fund and canned goods (non-perishables) which will be given to Market Ministries. These collections will take place from now through December 19. If anyone would like to help with these donations, please feel free to drop them off at the Elementary School and show the children how generous their community can be.

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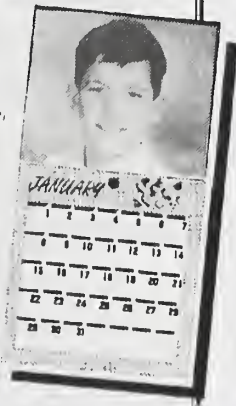
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School has a web site? It was created by last year's fifth grade students using Web Workshop. This year the current fifth graders will soon be adding their own pages to this site. They will choose topics and then do the research by writing with the help of their computer teacher, Ms. Maria Monty. Check out their hard work at: www.mec.edu/acushnet.

Mattapoisett Aprons Available

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will again be selling their aprons this Saturday, December 20, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Ropewalk Mall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The aprons are royal blue and feature the town gazebo in white. They are unisex and are treated with ProDura™ finish to resist stains and retain color. The aprons are \$16 each.

They can also be ordered by contacting Lois Murray (758-4949) or Barbara Ketchel (758-9593).

Fairhaven High School

Spain Trip

The World Languages Department of Fairhaven High School is planning a fourteen-day summer trip to Spain with a tentative departure date of June 25, 1998. All area high school students are invited to apply to participate in this educational and cultural experience.

The trip is unique in that it will include a dormitory stay in Gijon (a town on the Northern Cantabrian coast), four days in Madrid, and a five-day homestay in Seville. While in Gijon, students will take Spanish language lessons in the morning and tour the Asturias region in the afternoon. Madrid tours include "old Madrid," the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, museums, and shopping.

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Paris Trip

The Department of World Languages at Fairhaven High School is arranging a trip to Paris, France on April 15 to 25, 1998. The French teachers at FHS are inviting French students from area high schools to join the group and travel with them. The trip is unique in that it features a home stay with a French family and their teenage son/daughter from the Lycee Rodin, the hosting school. In addition to the home stay, the group will tour Paris and its surroundings as well as spend time with French teenagers at the Lycee Rodin. An overnight trip to

the Loire Valley is also planned.

Students interested in this low-cost, FHS-sponsored trip should contact Eileen Girouard, Head of the World Languages Department at Fairhaven High School, at 979-4053.

Smoking Cessation Programs

"Every cigarette is doing you damage!" is the urgent new message to smokers from the anti-smoking program. Many smokers believe that their health is not at risk if they quit within two years, but recent evidence, however, shows that the very next cigarette could be the one that starts the development of cancer and other

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serious diseases. Smokers who postpone their quit day are therefore putting themselves at great risk.

To convey how critical it is for smokers to quit now, not later, the State Department of Public Health will introduce three hard-hitting television ads. These spots deliver graphic depictions of the immediate negative effect a single cigarette has on a smoker's genes, circulatory system, and lungs. The spots are scheduled to air from December 26 through January 5, 1998.

One of the ads describes how cigarette smoke has been found to damage a gene called p53, which works to stop cancer cells from developing and reproducing. With p53 unable to do its work, lung cancer is allowed to develop.

The PACT Program which serves the towns of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester through their Boards of Health is working locally to reinforce the sense of urgency conveyed in the television spots, offering concrete quit tips and connections to tobacco control resources and services.

On Thursday, January 8, two Acushnet support programs begin concurrently. First, the Acushnet Public School is sponsoring a free "quit smoking" hypnotherapy program in the Ford Middle School at 7:00 pm. This FREE program is funded by the Massachusetts Health Protection Grant. Interested smokers should contact Judith Coykendall, PACT Program Director, at 748-3531 to register.

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"Most smokers want to quit, but they anticipate that stopping will be difficult, so they put it off," said Ms. Coykendall. "But the next cigarette you smoke could be the one that starts your cancer or sets your heart disease in motion. Is it worth the risk? Quit for 1998 — we're here to help."

The two programs held in Acushnet are examples of local schools and libraries working in concert with local Boards of Health to reach out to the residents in their communities to help them make one of the most important health decisions in their life. All Acushnet smokers are urged to attend.

Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club

The Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club will be holding another Christmas canned goods collection for needy families, Christmas baskets, and food pantries on Saturday, December 20 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. For contributions to the needy this year, please consider donating canned goods at Shaw's Supermarket in Fairhaven. Last year, seven facilities to feed the hungry were assisted with the 1500 pounds of food collected by

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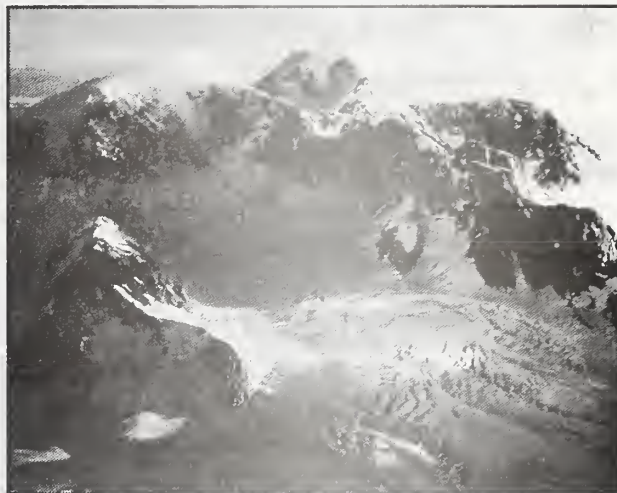
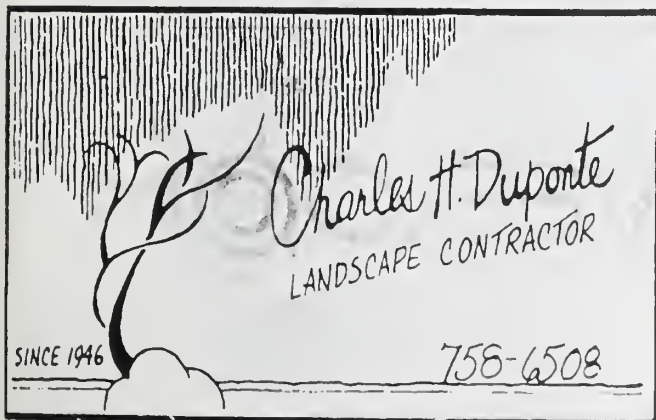
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Committee of Fairhaven has a new amethyst colored 1998 edition of their *Spray* cup plate available for Christmas gift-giving. The new cup plate has a different rim but is otherwise identical to the cobalt blue cup plate issued in 1995. The design by George Avila of Mattapoisett shows the *Spray* under sail, rigged as a yawl, and the voyage dates 1895-1898. Both colors are available at Dan Mello Real Estate, 32 Centre Street in Fairhaven. Proceeds will be used to fund the 1998 Slocum Centennial Events.

Habitat Seeks Volunteers

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat For Humanity (BBAHFH), a non-profit ecumenical ministry that works to build decent, affordable houses for people in this area, is looking for volunteers. Habitat for Humanity International seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness throughout the world. People of all faiths and from all walks of life are encouraged to volunteer. BBAHFH encompasses Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham. Call the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity at 508-758-7932 or write to: BBAHFH, P.O. Box 652, Marion, MA 02738-0652 for more information.



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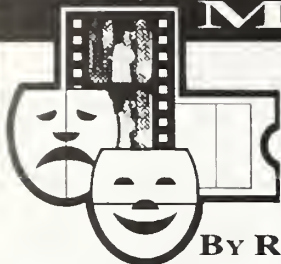
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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Scream 2 stabs at the horror genre and twists predictable movie sequels

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ **Scream 2.** Starring Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox. Directed by Wes Craven. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

A sequel to a well-loved movie like *Scream* has a lot of good will going for it — and a lot of high expectations going against it. How to recapture the freshness and surprise of the original — the feeling that you were seeing an entire subgenre both trashed and rejuvenated? The experience of seeing an original movie for the first time can't be duplicated in a sequel, which, by definition, is the same only different.

The *Scream* franchise, though, has one other thing in its favor: This stuff wasn't original the first time, either. *Scream*, as I noted in my review of it last year, was a clever and effective satire of the then-moribund slasher subgenre. I liked it well enough, and subsequent video viewings have endeared it to me more; it's a postmodern, endlessly quotable cult phenomenon. With *Scream 2*, you don't necessarily want a radical departure. You want familiar elements with a spin — everything you liked about *Scream*, only different. On that level, it triumphs.

Director Wes Craven and screenwriter Kevin Williamson resume their *Scream* duties, atoning for their earlier misfires this year — Craven executive-produced the inept *Wishmaster*, while Williamson wrote the popular but lame *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. They're working near the top of their form here. *Scream 2* isn't quite as witty as I'd hoped — it should've had more fun with the idea of sequels — but it's twistier, gorier, and, at times, more shocking. Anyone could be the killer (the cast is full of red herrings), and anyone can die at any time.

Except Neve Campbell. She is, after all, the pole holding up this franchise. Her Sidney Prescott, now in college and pledging a sorority, wants to put the horror behind her and move on. Three reasons why she can't: Gale Weathers



(Courteney Cox), the ice-blooded reporter who wrote a book about the *Scream* killings which has been made into the movie *Stab*, starring, of course, Tori Spelling; Cotton Weary (Liev Schreiber), who spent the first *Scream* in jail for killing Sidney's mom (he was innocent) and now demands media absolution; and, yep, the killer in the Munch mask. He's back. Or she's back. Or they're back. More than this I cannot disclose.

I can say that I enjoyed seeing Neve and Courteney again, as well as geeky horror addict Randy (Jamie Kennedy) and doofus deputy Dewey (David Arquette). The sequel also serves up such new-to-*Scream* faces as Jada Pinkett (who shines in the virtuoso opening sequence, set in a theater showing *Stab*), Sarah Michelle Gellar (not very Buffy-like here, but still much better than she was in *Last Summer*), Laurie Metcalf as a reporter stalking Gale (for a change), and Duane Martin, who's funny as Gale's apprehensive new cameraman ("Brothers don't last long in situations like this," he accurately points out).

Had *Scream 2* been left in other, lesser hands, it would surely have sucked, as most sequels do (as the movie itself acknowledges in its best film-nerd scene). That it escapes suckage is due to Craven and Williamson, who operate under a productive philosophy: "There's gonna be a sequel anyway, so we might as well come back and do it up right." They do.

Scream 2 is as clever and nerve-wracking as the original; on its own self-referential, crowd-pleasing terms, it's a success. Yet I will end this review as I ended my review of the first movie: How about a truly original horror film — some new blood in the genre? Where is the next Wes Craven? See, I can do same-only-different, too.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

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Friday (December 19) through Tuesday (December 23)

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Sat-Tue: 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15

Mortal Kombat: Annihilation (PG-13) — Fri: 2:45, 4:45;

Sat-Tue: 12:45, 2:45, 4:45

Eve's Bayou (R) — Fri-Tue: 6:45, 9:00

L.A. Confidential (R) — Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sat-Tue: 12:00, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30

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The Rainmaker (R) — Fri-Tue: 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20; Wed: 12:50, 3:50, 6:40

The Jackal (R) — Fri-Tue: 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Wed: 1:30, 4:30, 7:00

Bean (PG-13) — Fri-Tue: 1:20, 3:30, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; Wed: 1:20, 3:30, 5:20, 7:20

Home Alone 3 (PG) — Fri-Tue: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10;

Wed: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00

Flubber (PG) — Fri-Tue: 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:40; Wed: 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40

Alien Resurrection (R) — Fri-Tue: 6:50, 9:10; Wed: 6:50

For Richer or Poorer (PG-13) — Fri-Tue: 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20;

Wed: 1:20, 4:20, 6:50

Titanic (PG-13) — Fri-Tue: 12:20, 12:50, 4:10, 4:40, 8:00, 8:30;

Wed: 12:40, 2:20, 4:30, 6:10

Mousehunt (PG) — Fri-Tue: 12:40, 1:10, 2:50, 3:20, 5:00, 5:30, 7:10, 7:30, 9:20,

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Storytime for Twos

Registration for the Storytime for Two-Year-Olds will take place in the Children's Reading Room of the Mattapoisett Public Library beginning Tuesday, January 6. This program is for two-year-olds accompanied by an enthusiastic adult. Only the registered child may attend, and he or she must be two years old by the date of the first program. This story time will run from January 22 through February 12. For further information, please call the library at 758-4171.

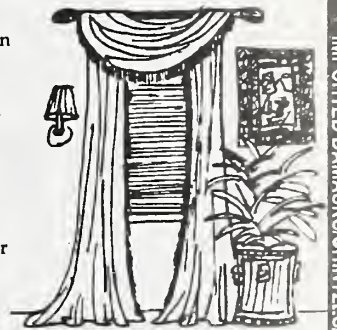
Discount Passes

The Mattapoisett Public Library is beginning its second year of offering discounted passes to state attractions. Passes are available for: John F. Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston (free pass for four);

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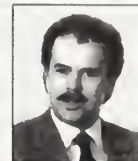


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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 8 through December 14, 1997:

- Main Street - death by natural causes
- Main Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Nye's Lane - annoying/obscene phone calls
- Robinson Road - summons issued (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, operating without a seat belt)
- South Main Street - simple assault, no injury
- Hayes Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Middle Road - summons issued (operating motor vehicle with suspended license)
- Main Street - humane call/injured animal
- Middle Road - disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
- South Main Street - found items
- Oliveira Avenue - threats
- Nye's Lane - annoying/obscene phone calls
- Jean Street - impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Cedar Hill Drive - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Wing Road - harassment
- Main Street - summons issued (operation of motor vehicle with revoked registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle)
- South Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- Keene Road - breaking and entering, unlawful entry
- Leonard Street - motor vehicle accident
- Hope Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street - adult arrest (op-

erating with suspended license)

- Boylston Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street - missing person (adult)
- Nye Avenue - adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, failure to keep right for oncoming vehicles, negligent operation of motor vehicle).

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 7 through December 13, 1997:

- Quail's Crossing Road - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wareham Road - general disturbance
- South Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Abels Way - animal complaint
- Delano Road - animal complaint
- Converse Road - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street - animal complaint
- Wareham Road - animal complaint
- Mill Street - suspicious activity
- Indian Cove Road - animal complaint
- Vine Street - noise complaint
- Joanne Drive - animal complaint
- County Road - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Delano Road - animal complaint
- Spring Street - suspicious person
- Barros Drive - disturbance
- Converse Road - animal complaint
- Barros Drive - liquor violation
- Spring Street - suspicious person
- Ichabod Lane - animal complaint
- Joanne Drive - larceny/past
- County Road - hunting violation
- Point Road - animal complaint
- Green Street - suspicious activity.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 7 through December 13, 1997:

- Marion Road - vandalism/property destruction
- County Road - civil complaint
- Chapel Road - weapons violation/illegal hunting
- Aucoot Road - motor vehicle accident/deer struck by vehicle
- County Road - prisoner transport
- Pigwacket Lane - truck hit mailboxes
- County Road - returned property
- Shady Oak Drive - larceny/theft from building
- Shaw Street - past larceny of flute
- Marion Road - harassing phone calls
- County Road - motor vehicle accident/party injured
- North Street - erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Beach Road - general disturbance/yelling
- Crestfield Street - suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Route 195 West - adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Acushnet Road - animal complaint
- North Street - motor vehicle accident
- Fairhaven Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street - trouble with cats
- North Street - motor vehicle hit deer
- Aucoot Road - loose dog in area
- Mattapoisett Neck Road - general disturbance/motor vehicles
- Lynfield Lane - neighbor disturbance
- Long Plain Road - weapons violation/illegal hunting
- Summer Street - weapons violation/illegal hunting
- Chapel Road - disturbance/fight in street.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 9 through December 15, 1997:

- Outdoor World - suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road - found dog/animal control matter
- Mattapoisett Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Cushman Road - suspicious activity
- Old Schoolhouse Road - animal control matter
- Rounseville Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Hiller Road - animal control matter
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School - suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue - suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road - car hit deer
- North Avenue - adult arrest (warrant)
- Hiller Road - dog complaint
- Ridge Road - noise complaint
- Parlowtown Road - officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Road - car hit deer
- Dexter Lane - suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road - erratic operation of motor vehicle
- North Avenue - breaking and entering
- Pine Street - motor vehicle complaint
- Neck Road - hit deer
- North Avenue - icy roads reported
- Mattapoisett Road - gun shots reported
- Deerfield Terrace - adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Stuart Road - animal control matter
- North Avenue - suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Road - motor vehicle accident
- Stuart Road - barking dog complaint
- Hiller Road - loose dog reported.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (free for two adults per pass - library has two passes available); Museum of Science, Boston (coupon for four, \$1 per person for specific dates - does not include Omni or Planetarium tickets); Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth (free admission for two adults and two children, daily April to November); Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence (discounted pass for four, \$2.50 per adult, \$1.25 for children and seniors - does not include Jurassic Journey).

Passes can be reserved at the library or by calling 758-4171, according to Sue Tweedy, Library Director. The pass program is financed by specified gifts, unspecified gifts and donations to the library.

Rochester Historical Survey

The Rochester Historical Commission has engaged the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. of Pawtucket, RI to survey and inventory historically- and archaeologically-significant assets of town. A list of properties dating up to 1947 will be prepared by the Public Archaeology Lab and the Rochester Historical Commission by January when the research will begin. Approximately one-third of the town's oldest buildings — up until 1850 — were researched in the 1970's and will be updated.

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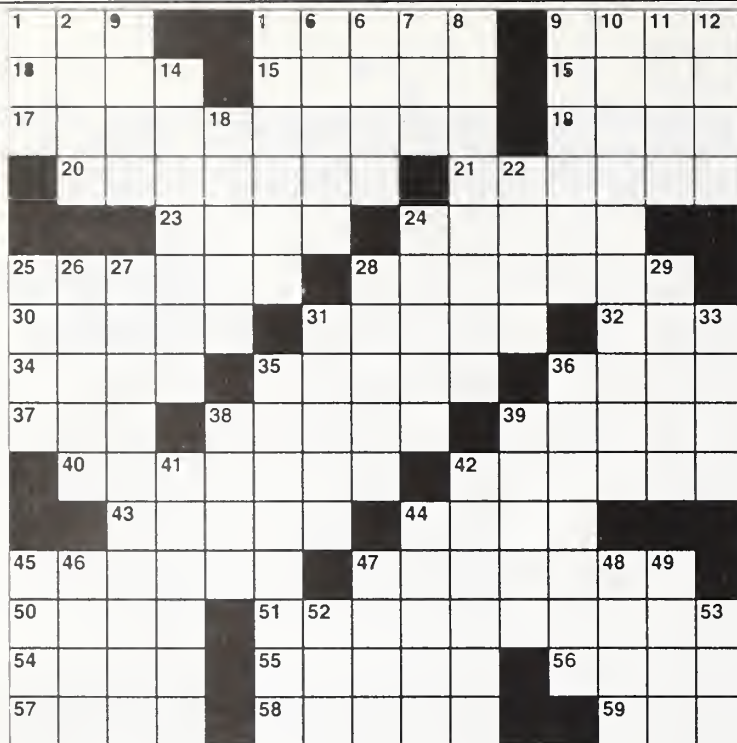
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're very strong. Be compassionate too, or you could do damage. Be careful with your money; buy what's required. Don't put it off any longer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Finish work you dread. You've put it off long enough already. You're stronger, possibly due to getting that finished. Buy something special for your sweetheart.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). There's no stopping you and your friends. You're awesome. These are excellent days for controversial conversations, intellectual romance and massive breakthroughs.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Professors and bosses are in a terrible mood. If you don't have the right answer, don't even bother to make up an excuse. You and your team are quite productive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're wildly enthusiastic and marvelously lucky. Start new projects and push for what you want. Somebody else is back in control.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Straighten out a financial mess. Cut the fluff to get something you really need. Concentrate on satisfying an older person's demands. Arguing will be pointless.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learn from an active and more experienced partner. If you can impress an older person favorably, you'll find opportunities opening up left and right.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Push yourself harder to get more work done. It's kind of stressful, but you'll be amazed at the results. A partner helps out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fall in love again with a favorite old flame. Make a commitment you can keep. Your workload's intense.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your house is abuzz with activity. Pay attention to avoid a catastrophe, or at least a mess. Hack out some personal time for yourself and your mate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll find it easier to learn. That's especially true if you're working with a group.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You could get a raise in pay. You might not even have to ask, but it wouldn't hurt.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Fall in love all over again, with an old friend. Your romance is solid, even though both of you are constantly moving.



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Maconchu Club - Mattapoisett

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will have their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by a catered dinner from Riccardi's. Entertainment will be the very talented musical group "The Stetsonaires" performing their Christmas program. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by

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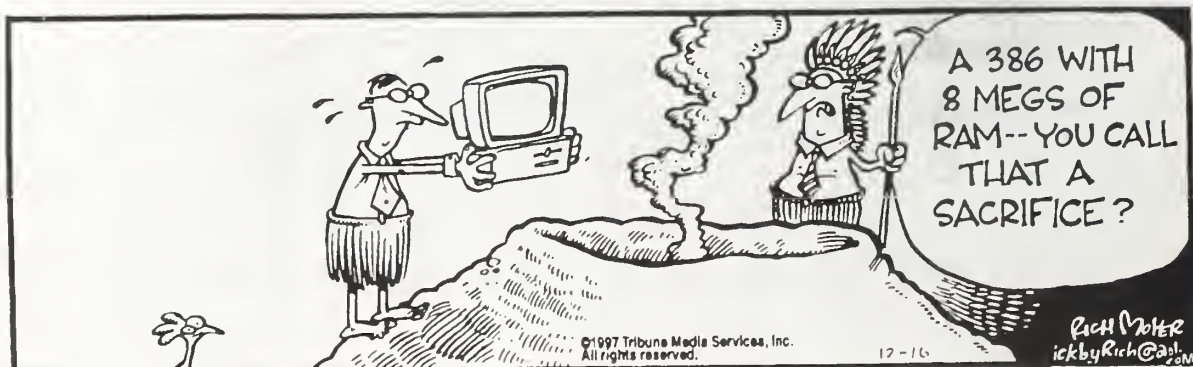
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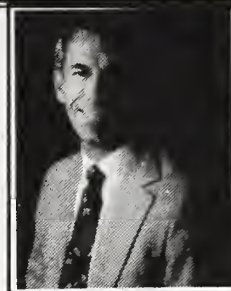
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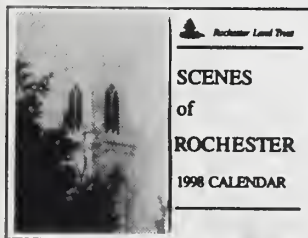
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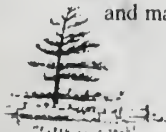
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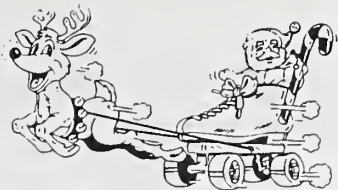
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Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 12:	Fri.	6:01	6:24	...	12:19
December 13:	Sat.	6:50	7:13	12:15	1:07
December 14:	Sun.	7:38	8:00	1:01	1:50
December 15:	Mon.	8:25	8:47	1:45	2:31
December 16:	Tues.	9:10	9:33	2:27	3:10
December 17:	Wed.	9:55	10:20	3:07	3:46
December 18:	Thur.	10:42	11:09	3:47	4:22
December 19:	Fri.	11:29	11:59	4:27	4:59
December 20:	Sat.	...	12:19	5:10	5:39
December 21:	Sun.	12:52	1:11	5:59	6:25
December 22:	Mon.	1:46	2:05	6:55	7:17
December 23:	Tues.	2:40	3:00	8:00	8:13
December 24:	Wed.	3:32	3:52	9:08	9:10
December 25:	Thur.	4:22	4:42	10:07	10:03
December 26:	Fri.	5:09	5:29	10:58	10:52
December 27:	Sat.	5:54	6:15	11:44	11:39
December 28:	Sun.	6:38	7:00	...	12:27
December 29:	Mon.	7:22	7:44	12:25	1:09

Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter
New Moon
First Quarter
Full Moon

December 21st
December 29th
January 5th
January 12th



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WED	24	<i>CLOSED - Season Greetings !</i>	
THURS	25	<i>CLOSED - Happy Holidays !</i>	
FRI	26	AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM - \$5.00 ADM. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION - 7:30-10:00 PM - \$4.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00
SAT	27	AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:00-5:00 PM - \$3.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION - 7:30-10:00 PM - \$4.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00
SUN	28	AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-4:00 PM - \$3.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION - 6:30-8:30 PM - \$2.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00
MON	29	AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM - \$5.00 ADM. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION - 6:30-8:30 PM - \$2.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00
TUES	30	AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM - \$5.00 ADM. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION - 6:30-8:30 PM - \$2.00 ADM. Skates \$1.50 - Inlines \$3.00
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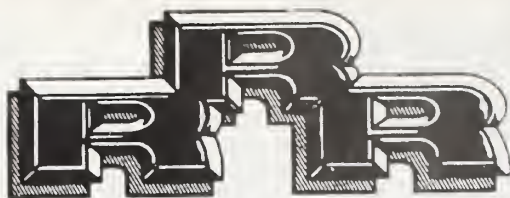
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